

Petersburg Regional Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2011

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Michael Nichols, LHRC Chair
Mr. Steven Watkins, LHRC Member
Ms. Kathy Tierney, LHRC Member

Committee Members Absent

Ms. Marie Parker, LHRC Member

Affiliate Members (Group A) Present:

Ms. Kimberly Lindblad, Specialized Youth Services of Virginia, Inc.,
LHRC staff support and Affiliate

Affiliate Members Absent:

N/A

Others Present:

Ms. Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate, Office of Human Rights
Ms. Latonya Brown, Positive Image, Prospective LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Charlotte Taylor, Life Enhancement Services, LLC, Prospective LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Bernice Lee, Life Enhancement Services, LLC, Prospective LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Rudolph E. Ford, Jr., S.O.A.R., LLC, Prospective LHRC Affiliate
Ms. Ruth Proctor, New Journey Family Services, LLC, Prospective LHRC Affiliate
Mr. Clarence Wilson, New Journey Family Services, LLC, Prospective LHRC Affiliate

I. Call to Order

- a) Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:36pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- a) The committee reviewed the minutes from the August, 2011 meeting. Ms. Tierney moved to approve the August minutes as written; Mr. Watkins seconded. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

- a) No public comments.

IV. New Business

- a) New Journey Family Services, LLC, presented their services and requested to affiliate with the committee. The program will serve adults, adolescents, and

children via community support services in the Greenville County area. The program will teach life skills, skills needed to obtain and retain housing, effective peer interaction skills, and social skills. If prospective clients meet the criteria for the service, ISP goals will be established with the client by a QMHP. Paraprofessionals will work with different outreach agencies to coordinate programs for the clients. Margaret Walsh and the SHRC have verified through DBHDS that the agency's human rights policies and procedures are adequate. Mr. Watkins motioned to allow the agency to affiliate with the PR-LHRC; Ms. Tierney seconded motion. Motion carried. A representative from the agency signed the cooperative agreement and submitted the same to Mr. Nichols for his signature.

- b) Dr. Rudolph Ford of S.O.A.R., LLC, ("Succeed Over All Requirements") requested affiliation with the PR-LHRC. Dr. Ford's agency will provide Intensive In-Home counseling. The mission/goal for the agency is family preservation. The agency will provide services to youths with serious emotional problems by treating substance abuse issues, resolving conflicts, decreasing frequency of hospitalizations, increasing adaptive functioning, increasing school attendance, and teaching money management. Dr. Ford believes each family can learn to nurture their children, gain support, and remain safely together through support from this short-term home-based service. Services include individual and family counseling, crisis de-escalation and case management. Targeted population is 5 to 18 year olds and their families in central Virginia. Prospective clients will undergo a preliminary assessment as well as an additional assessment by a QMHP. Exclusionary criteria include youth actively experiencing homicidal/suicidal ideation. The agency's main office is in the city of Petersburg, Virginia and Dr. Ford has office space available to him in the city of Richmond if it is needed. Dr. Ford responded to questions related to his agency's exclusionary criteria and he will rely on his QMHPs to rule in or out clients who are actively suicidal or homicidal; those clients may be appropriate for the service once they receive the more intensive service and can be re-evaluated at that time. Mr. Watkins motioned to allow the agency to affiliate with the PR-LHRC; Ms. Tierney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Ford signed the cooperative agreement and submitted the same to Mr. Nichols for his signature.

- c) Ms. Latonya Brown of Positive Image presented their services for the purpose of requesting affiliation. The agency will provide Intensive In-Home counseling to clients in their homes, with a focus on preserving the family and keeping the child in the home. The agency, with it's main office in the city of Richmond, will serve 5 to 18 year old youths returning from residential or foster care and/or the state's juvenile corrections facilities. The agency will serve families in the Human Rights Region IV. Human Rights policies and procedures were confirmed as adequate through Ms. Walsh at the SHRC. Ms. Tierney motioned to allow the agency to affiliate with the PR-LHRC; Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Brown signed the cooperative agreement and submitted the same to Mr. Nichols for his signature.
- d) Life Enhancement Services, LLC, did not attend the meeting and therefore could not present their information to the committee members. Life Enhancement will need to defer their request for affiliation to the October 2011 LHRC Meeting.

V. Old Business

- a) Ms. Cheryl Crawford, Affiliate Treasurer, provided written documentation of those affiliates who have already submitted their dues. Affiliate Dues were submitted from the following agencies: Jireh House, Triumph Residential Services, River City Residences, Gateway Homes, and DBS Family Services. Agencies still needing to submit dues are as follows: ECCS, FamMat Services, Positive Image, Savannah's House, Amazings Grace, Y.E.A., Simms Children Assistance Services (New Horizon Group Home), A & C Alternative Care, and We Care Residential.

VI. Affiliate Reports

- Savannah's House (absent)*
- Triumph Residential Services
- Jireh House, LLC
- FamMat Services, LLC*
- Gateway Homes
- Poplar Springs Hospital
- River City Residences
- Simms Children Assistance Services
- Empowerment Clinical Consulting Services

Ms. Tierney motioned to accept the program reports submitted during the August 2011 meeting; Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reminder to Affiliates: you are required to forward Program Reports (on the new format) to your Affiliate Liason (Ms. Lindblad) regardless of whether or not your attendance is required at the scheduled meeting. (Group A attends the February and August meetings; Group B attends the May and October meetings.)

VII. Advocate's Report

- a) No report was given as this was a special meeting to address the requests by new agencies for affiliation only.

VIII. Closed Session

- a) There was no business reviewed during Closed Session.

IX. Other Business

- a) The remaining meeting scheduled for the 2011 year is on October 12, 2011 (Group B). Meetings scheduled to be held during the 2012 year will occur as follows: February 8, 2012 (Group A), May 9, 2012 (Group B), August 8, 2012 (Group A), and October 10, 2012 (Group B).

b) Reporting Period	Reports to Kim by	Meeting Date
7/19/11 – 9/19/11	9/20/11	10/12/11 (Group B attends meeting)
9/20/11 – 1/16/12	1/17/12	2/8/12 (Group A attends meeting)
1/17/12 – 4/16/12	4/17/12	5/9/12 (Group B attends meeting)
4/17/12 – 7/16/12	7/17/12	8/8/12 (Group A attends meeting)
7/17/12 – 9/17/12	9/18/12	10/10/12 (Group B attends meeting)
9/18/12 – 1/21/13	1/22/13	2/13/13 (Group A attends meeting)

X. Adjournment

- a) Mr. Nichols made a motion to close meeting. Ms. Tierney seconded the motion. Motion carried. The LHRC meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.